

On December 30, 2005, the Adult Probation and Parole Bureau of the MDOC had 7816 felony offenders under supervision, nearly 75% of the total Corrections population in Montana. Current growth in workload demonstrates that approximately 17 new staff are presently needed.

While the Bureau continues to receive staff and resources to operate in a safe manner, growth rates spell challenging times ahead. In response to over-crowding in secure settings and on P&P caseloads, the Community Corrections Division, in support of the Bureau, has developed a number of new alternative resources.

To 'stabilize the workload' of P&P staff, eight additional FTE and funding for up to 10 contracted staff has been authorized to continue to address the risk and needs posed by Montana's non incarcerated offender population. The P&P Bureau will focus these additional resources on offenders with:

- *Chemical Addictions*
- *Co-occurring disorders (mental health and chemical dependency)*
- *Histories of sexual offences*
- *Felony DUI offences*
- *Issues of unemployment or underemployment*

Impacting Recidivism, without risking public safety is always P&P's primary goal. Managing more offenders in "non-residential community placement" by utilizing community services that are available, without delay, enable us to manage risk and apply measured consequences appropriately.